Mountain Weather Forecast

Brecon Beacons National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 14 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 15 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 14 Jan 2023 at 03:40

Confidence: High confidence for turning colder with the risk of some snow at lower levels and northwesterly winds later this weekend.

Headline for Saturday 14 Jan 2023: Heavy rain at first, dry for a time then showery later with showers turning wintry, summit gales throughout.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 14 Jan 2023

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Medium Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Sleet showers	Sleet showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
80%	80%	10%	20%	30%	40%

Forecast for Saturday 14 Jan 2023

Weather: Starting cloudy with outbreaks of rain, heavy at times. The rain continuing this morning but tending to clear through by late morning with some cloud breaks developing, and perhaps some brighter or sunny spells. This afternoon showers will arrive from the west and these will gradually turn wintry above 500m. The showers may cluster together to give longer spells of snow on the tops this evening, which combined with westerly gales some temporary blizzard like conditions can be expected. A severe wind chill will develop at height, especially this evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 20%, improving to 70% for a time when the rain clears but dipping back to 50% in showers later.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive low cloud at first with overcast layers above 300m, perhaps cloud bases slightly higher across eastern areas. Visibility expected to be poor in heavy rain on the mountains this morning. Cloud lifting and becoming more scattered above 600m by late morning, with a good chance of some views for a time in the middle of the day, visibility will become good too for a time. As afternoon and evening showers arrive cloud will thicken and lower over the summits in showers, down to 400m, with the potential for temporary blizzard of white out conditions on the mountain tops this evening with summit gales.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	39/52 SW	32/43 W	33/46 W	33/47 W	33/46 W	30/44 W	34/48 W
300	27/44 SW	24/38 W	25/41 W	27/44 W	26/43 W	25/41 W	26/43 W
Valley	14/33 SW	12/28 W	14/30 W	15/32 W	14/31 W	14/30 W	15/33 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	8/3	6/1	3/-3	2/-5	1/-6	0/-7	-1/-8
300	9/6	8/4	6/1	4/-0	3/-2	2/-3	2/-4
Valley	10/7	9/6	6/3	6/1	4/-0	3/-1	3/-2
Freezing Level*	2100m	1700m	900m	600m	600m	500m	400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Strong winds with gales on summits and exposed ridges with a severe chill effect developing. It would be easy to be misled by early rain and milder conditions.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
03:00 on Sat 14 Jan 2023	16mm	38.6mm	85.8mm

Forecast for Sunday 15 Jan 2023

Weather: Clear spells and wintry showers overnight, these sometimes heavy leading to temporary blizzard like conditions, with snow above 400m. Through the morning cloudier conditions arrive from the north, with scattered lighter wintry showers. Becoming brighter through the afternoon with some bright or sunny periods developing, leading to a dry evening with clear spells and temperatures quickly falling. Overnight with gales, but the wind will gradually ease.

Maximum wind: Westerly 30-35mph with gusts 50-55mph backing southwesterly 10-15mph later.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops 600m: 60%, associated with overnight sleet and snow showers, decreasing to 20% through the morning. Then improving to 70% through the afternoon and 95% through the evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered to broken cloud layers above 400m overnight with the showers. Temporary blizzard conditions are possible overnight with heavy wintry showers. Becoming broken to extensive at 400m through the morning for most places, perhaps remaining scattered to broken across the far south. Cloud lifting above summits in the afternoon with visibility mostly very good or excellent.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 5 falling to 3 Celsius later.
At 600m: Zero to Plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 400m.

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